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1. Weapons Plants No. 535 and No. 536 were on the western outskirts of Tula (54-11N, 37-37E). * [] agree that the eastern plant was designated Plant No. 536 and the western plant was designated Plant No. 535. These plants were old installations which after the war were partly reequipped with German machinery.

2. The production of each plant could not accurately be determined [redacted] Both plants also had joint spur tracks. According to so [redacted] small arms and machine guns are manufactured in Plant No. 536, while 80 mm mortars and 76.2 mm AT guns are manufactured in Plant No. 537. All [redacted] agree that both plants produced small arms, light and medium machine guns, hunting rifles, medium caliber mortars, and AT guns. In addition 20 mm AA guns were said to be produced. Cartridge cases and cartridges were seen in both plants, but it could not be determined whether they were actually produced in the plants. Production figures are not known. Outgoing shipments left by rail and truck.**

3. Shipments of round and hoop iron, rifle stocks, submachine gun stocks and barrel slugs came daily by rail. Electric power was supplied to the plants through a high-tension line coming from the northeast. About 1,150 were allegedly employed in Plant No. 535 and 10,000 in Plant No. 536. Work was done in three shifts.

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Comment: See Annex for a sketch indicating the locations of the two installations.

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Comment: The plant department, which formerly produced aircraft guns, was moved to Zlatoust (55-07N, 59-35E) during the war. In 1943, the daily production at the Tula plants allegedly amounted to 500 to 600 rifles, 400 submachine guns and 500 pistols. At that time 5,000 were said to have been employed at the plants. One source also reported a daily production of 600 rifles for the fourth quarter of 1947.

Attachment: Sketch of Weapons Plants No. 535 and No. 536 in Tula.

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